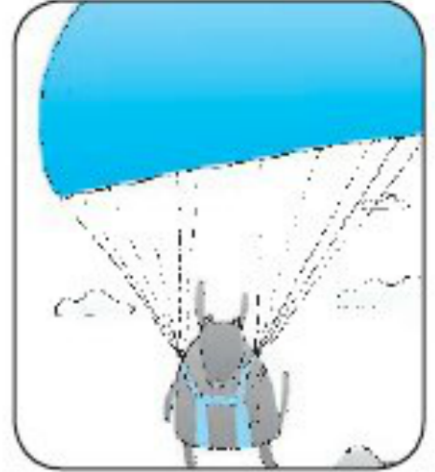


Subjects and Predicates 2

There are simple subjects and simple predicates. But what about all those other words in the sentence? The words that describe the subject or predicate are called *modifiers*. Modifiers change or add to the meaning of the subject or predicate. Together, the simple subject plus its modifiers make the **complete subject**, and the simple predicate plus its modifiers make the **complete predicate**. (See 744.3 and 746.3 in *Texas Write Source* for more information.)



Examples

Complete Subject:

The large, umbrella-shaped parachute saved the life of the inexperienced pilot.

(The complete subject is the simple subject—"parachute"—plus all its modifiers.)

Complete Predicate:

The large, umbrella-shaped parachute saved the life of the inexperienced pilot.

(The complete predicate is the simple predicate—"saved"—plus all its modifiers.)

Directions

In the following sentences, divide the complete subject and the complete predicate with a slash (/). Then, underline the simple subject once and the simple predicate twice. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. French aeronaut Jean Pierre Blanchard/dropped a dog in the first parachute "jump" in 1785.
2. Blanchard successfully made the first human parachute drop in 1793.
3. Parachutes are now required for all balloonists and pilots.
4. The large silk or nylon parachute canopy has a small vent hole in its center that expands to lessen the shock when the parachute opens.

5. The 24-foot, multipaneled parachute is pulled from the jumper's backpack by a smaller parachute.
6. Parachutes have been used during wars to drop troops, tanks, and equipment behind enemy lines.
7. Sport parachuting, also known as skydiving, became popular in the 1970s.
8. Steerable parachutes that allow safer landings have made the sport even more popular today.
9. Parachutists compete in skydiving competitions by doing a series of aerobatic maneuvers before reaching parachute-opening altitude.
10. Teams of free-falling skydivers compete by forming as many geometric patterns as possible before opening their chutes.
11. (You) Consider the risk of skydiving before taking the plunge.
12. Steerable parachutes are quite different from hang gliders.
13. In 1972, a Yugoslavian flight attendant survived a fall from 33,370 feet without a parachute.
14. The record for the longest fall with a parachute is 40 minutes.

Next Step Skydiving is a sport that requires skill and daring. Write a paragraph explaining why you would or would not want to be a skydiver. Share the paragraph with a classmate. Be sure to write in complete sentences.